

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Robert Lee of Dickson  
for his great courage and resourcefulness.

WHEREAS, over much of its history, Tennessee has been known as the Volunteer State, because it has been the home of so many valiant men, women and children who have responded with great courage and strength of character in times of trouble and adversity, whether in war or peace; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is eight-year-old Robert Lee of Dickson, who, on a November weekday morning in 2006, acted with courage and resourcefulness to seek aid for his mother who had gone into a diabetic coma; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful day, young Robert knew something was not right when his mother, Tonya Lee, would not wake up; with presence of mind he dialed 911 for help following the instructions his mother, a diabetic, had taught him in case of such an emergency; and

WHEREAS, taking care of his one-year-old brother, Matthew Lee, and four-year-old sister, Emily Lee, until help arrived, Robert was most thankful and grateful when local emergency personnel arrived on the scene to aid his mother; and

WHEREAS, Fireman Chris Waychoff, first to arrive at the Lee home, praised the young man for doing everything right during the medical emergency, ranking Robert's actions ten on a scale of ten; and

WHEREAS, a truly remarkable youngster, Robert now wants to teach his brother and sister what to do in the case of an emergency "to make heroes out of them too"; and

WHEREAS, honored by the City of Dickson as a hero during a special ceremony in December, Robert Lee is the son of proud parents, Tonya Lee and Robert E. Lee III, big brother of Matthew and Emily Lee, and adored grandson of Donald R. Cathey and Pearl Mae Cathey, and Robert E. Lee, Jr. and Martha Juanita Lee; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lee clearly demonstrated bravery and self possession far in excess of what might be expected from one so young; his courage and strength of character are clearly deserving of special recognition and praise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Robert Lee of Dickson for his outstanding demonstration of courage, resourcefulness and presence of mind, as we join with his mother and other family members, his schoolmates, the people of Dickson County, and all the citizens of Tennessee in expressing our admiration and appreciation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our best wishes to Robert and his family for every success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.